To Whom It May Concern:

I support the merger of XM and Sirius Satellite Radio Companies.

The world of electronic media was quite a bit different ten years ago when the two companies agreed not to merge. The public had many less options for access to music/news/sports radio.

Today, anyone can have instance access to their specific type of favorite music by surfing the web and accessing free internet radio. In fact, with one fee to AOL, I have access to XM radio without having to pay an additional fee. I also have access to music stations from around the world.

Will one satellite radio station cause prices to escalate? I do not believe so; at least not in the long run. There is too much competition from other sources. The public is a lot smarter that what you may give them credit. Should this merged company raise rates to the extreme, I firmly believe that the public will tune them out, which in turn will require them to lower their prices.

Besides, there are too many entrepreneurs out there who would start some rival company to compete.

Let them merge. The plethora of options to find the music we want and how we want it will not be harmed.

Thank you,

Ron Koch